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TAGS: SNAR, UN
SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: DIRECTOR POSITION, DIVISION OF
NARCOTIC DRUGS

REF: (A) GENEVA 5108 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL),
(B) GENEVA 4114 (NOTAL)

1. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REF A, EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF
INCUMBENT OF SUBJECT POSITION, DR. GEORGE LING, HAS BEEN
EXTENDED TO THE END OF OCTOBER 1978. THE GENERAL LOCAL
IMPRESSION IS THAT CONTRACT WILL NOT BE RENEWED. IN
VIEW OF MANAGEMENT DEFICIENCIES, MISSION WOULD NOT
RECOMMEND USG DO ANYTHING TO ENCOURAGE EXTENSION.
SOUNDINGS IN GENEVA HAVE NOT DISCLOSED ANY RELIABLE
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTION UN HEADQUARTERS INTENDS
TO TAKE TO FILL THIS POSITION UPON LING'S DEPARTURE.

2. THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS PERFORMS TWO IMPORTANT
FUNCTIONS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL: IT
SERVES AS SECRETARIAT FOR THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC
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DRUGS AND AS MAJOR EXECUTING AGENT FOR UN FUND FOR DRUG
ABUSE CONTROL. BOTH FUNCTIONS BEAR VITAL RELATIONSHIP
TO EFFECTUATION OF U.S. DRUG CONTROL POLICIES; QUALITY
OF LEADERSHIP OF THE DIVISION IS THEREFORE OF IMPORTANCE
TO USG.

3. WITH THIS IN MIND, AND AWARE OF UNNY'S DISAPPOINTING

TRACK RECORD IN FILLING TOP POSITIONS IN DRUG CONTROL AGENCIES, MISSION RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT USUN TO ASCERTAIN UNNY'S INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FILLING DIRECTOR POSITION.

4. MISSION WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT USG SUPPORT PROMOTION OF MR. N. KANDEMIR, PRESENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DND, TO THIS POSITION. MR. KANDEMIR IS RELATIVELY YOUNG (ABOUT 47), IS ARTICULATE, INTELLIGENT, UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. CONCERNS AND EXPERIENCED IN UN DRUG CONTROL AFFAIRS. HE HAS ALSO SHOWN COMPETENCE IN MANAGING HIS PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE DIVISION. WE WOULD NOT CONSIDER HIS NATIONALITY (TURKISH) OR HIS SECONDMENT FROM GOT DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AS PRECLUDING THIS ASSIGNMENT IN VIEW OF FACT THAT TURKISH COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL TO PROPER FUNCTIONING OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL SYSTEM AND MR. KANDEMIR HAS EXERTED OWN PERSONAL EFFORTS TO SENSITIZE GOT TO CONCERNS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RELATING TO TURKISH PERFORMANCE IN DRUG ARENA (REF B).
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